

February 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

The show has been cast, and it is time for rehearsals for our big musical "Into the Woods" to start. Being cast for a show is a very exciting time for an actor/actress. Now the hard work starts.

At Studio9 we are lucky as most of the rehearsal process is done right in class; that means Ms. Shannon will be starting with full cast read throughs; teaching musical numbers; and blocking scenes when classes start this week. It is imperative that students be in every drama class.

Attendance is of utmost importance during the rehearsal process. Not only do the students need to be present to create, learn, and rehearse their parts for themselves, but to show respect for the rest of their classmates. Theatre is a group effort, and actors depend on each other to build characters, scenes, and cast rapport. When one element is missing, the entire cast is impacted.

While Ms. Shannon and I realize that life happens and some students are more susceptible to illness and absences. However, continued absences from drama class, promotional activities, and half and full day rehearsal will mean that Ms. Shannon and I will assign an understudy and recast the role if necessary. Students and their parents/guardians will be fully informed regarding concerns with repeat absences, prior to recasts occurring.

At Studio9 the Show Policy is that:

1. Students are expected to attend all drama classes, promotional appearances, and extra curricular rehearsal (if necessary) in term 3 & 4. Once three classes are missed Ms. Shannon and Ms. Crown will have a meeting and assign an understudy to the part.
2. If a student misses two rehearsals during rehearsal weeks (starting May 15th) Ms. Shannon and Ms. Crown **WILL** recast the understudy to the role.

3. As Studio9 is a performing arts school, participation in the show is mandatory. It is the final project students are graded on, and they **MUST** be present for all performances. If the student is absent due to medical emergency or bereavement leave, documentation must be provided to the office and Ms. Crown/Ms. Shannon/Mrs. Trites will jointly decide upon an appropriate make up assignment.

I ask that both parent and student read the Show Policy and sign and return the portion below to Ms. Crown (see next page).

Thank you for support of the arts and theatre at Studio9.

Ms. Shannon

Mrs. Crown

Studio9 Show Policy Return Form:

I \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Studio9 Show Policy and  
(parent's name)

understand that if any of the criteria above can not be met then my child will be removed from their part.

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(Parent's Signature)

I \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Studio9 Show Policy and  
(student's name)

understand that if any of the criteria above can not be met then I will be removed from my part.

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(Student's Signature)